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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Elmer B. Staats
Executive Officer
Operations Coordinating Board

SUBJECT: 1 March Progress Report of Working Group on
PSB D-38 Etc.

The following comments are submitted in accordance with your request of this morning:

1. In the fifth and sixth lines of paragraph 4 on page 2, delete the words "with renewed vigor." The efforts in some cases have been pretty vigorous.

2. In the first line on page 3, delete the word "actual" it being meaningless.

3. In paragraph 9 on page 3, in the second line substitute for the word "encouraging" the words "continuing the encouragement and support of."

It is not clear to me what is the meaning of the clause regarding the USIS in lines 7 and 8.

4. I would recommend adding at the end of paragraph 10 two thoughts. The first is that the list of courses of action does not include matters which arise out of the development of NATO, nor the direct MSA programs. I also doubt whether all of USIA activities are covered in the checklist. In addition, it might be also that many of the courses of action in the list are already in operation and that their inclusion does not imply that they are not now being carried out.

5. In paragraph II.A., in the 7th line, change the words "become the basis for OCB" to the word "guide." I would suggest also that this paragraph have at the end a sentence saying that the working group will keep the list under review and add to it from time to time.

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6. At the end of the second line of paragraph III. A. insert the words "a guide to action during the next few months" and delete the third line as printed.

7. In paragraph 1.c. under France delete the words "and, where necessary, indoctrinate." It seems silly to suggest indoctrinating Frenchmen who have "turned into leading anti-Communist propagandists."

8. In paragraph 1.d., I understand that the word [REDACTED] refers to some unattributed agent. If so, that sort of name had better be omitted from written documents.

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9. In paragraph 1.h., I am not sure what the "U. S. Peace Campaign" is.

10. Paragraph 1.j. is an important provision but its meaning is unclear to me. It is very drastic for OCB to say, even gently, that procurement and construction contracts shall not be placed with firms having Communist connections if such a prohibition would include firms who had Communist laborers. I believe the FOA and Defense should define this paragraph quite carefully. In passing, I would suggest omitting the word "undesirable" since it implies there is such a thing as desirable connections. The comments on this paragraph also apply to paragraph 5 at the top of page 7.

11. The first three paragraphs under Part C. on page 6 should have some reference to the requirements of security. In view of the belief that there is a considerable penetration of various governments by Communists, particularly the French and Italian, exchanges of information and techniques must be carefully considered from a security standpoint.

12. I would recommend omitting paragraph 4.(a) on page 7. That is essentially an operating military matter in the development of NATO and hardly seems to me to be a course of action in support of European NATO unity.

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I have my doubts regarding paragraph 4.(b) on page 7. There are many considerations ~~in~~ this recommendation and I doubt whether OCB should try to go on record as recommending this position.

Is it true, as suggested in paragraph 4.(c) on page 7 that NATIS is languishing from lack of financial support?

13. The favorable reference to full U.S. membership in OEEC contained in paragraph B.3. on page 8 again involves a great many considerations which I doubt whether the OCB wishes to pass on in this document.

14. I assume

14. I assume that the interagency committees referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 under C. on page 9 are the same groups as are referred to as strategic committees in the summary at the beginning of the document.

15. In regard to item 3. at the top of page 10, it has been reported to me that when radio managers have been brought to this country, sufficient effort has not been made to put them in close touch with the U. S. industry.

16. I doubt whether the theme of European unity can be very well exploited on the occasion of the visits of important Spaniards to the U. S. as suggested in paragraph 13.

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